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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : James L. Holloway  
Serial No. : 09/772,813  
Group Art Unit : 1631  
Examiner : John S. Brusca  
Filed : January 30, 2001  
For : A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING NEAR IDENTITIES  
IN LARGE DNA DATABASES  
Date Submitted : June 3, 2003

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003 be extended for a period of four months from February 14, 2003 to June 14, 2003.

Applicants claim small entity status. Please charge the total fee, estimated to be \$725.00, to ZymoGenetics, Inc., Deposit Account No. 26-0290. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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